

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PATENT IN FEE TO WALTER ANSON PEASE

JULY 3, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to
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Mr. MURDOCK, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2573]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2573) authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to Walter Anson Pease, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

This bill, if enacted, will authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Walter Anson Pease for the remainder of his allotment No. 3452, on the Crow Reservation, Mont., comprising 983.72 acres.

The act of June 4, 1920 (31 Stat. 754), provides that a Crow Indian allottee shall not sell more than one-half of his homestead, or 320 acres thereof. For this reason the enactment of legislation as proposed is necessary to authorize the allottee to all the land described in the bill.

It appears that Mr. Pease is qualified to conduct his affairs without governmental supervision or protection. He does not live on the reservation and is not dependent upon the Government for his livelihood.

The Secretary of the Interior recommends the enactment of the bill, and advises that the Bureau of the Budget indicates that it has no objection to the passage of this bill.

A copy of the Secretary of the Interior's report, dated April 7, 1952, to the Senate committee, is attached hereto and made a part of this report, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 7, 1952.

Hon. JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
United States Senate.*

MY DEAR SENATOR O'MAHONEY: Reference is made to your request for a report on S. 2573, a bill authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to Walter Anson Pease.

I recommend that the bill be enacted.

The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior, upon application in writing to issue a patent in fee to Walter Anson Pease for the balance of his allotment No. 3452 on the Crow Reservation, Mont., comprising 933.72 acres. He has heretofore coveyed 40 acres of his homestead land to another Indian. The act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), provides that a Crow Indian allottee shall not sell more than one-half of his homestead, or 320 acres thereof. For this reason the enactment of legislation is necessary to authorize the allottee to sell all the land described in the bill.

It appears that Mr. Pease is qualified to conduct his affairs without governmental supervision or protection. He does not live on the reservation and is not dependent upon the Government for his livelihood. Alienation of the land will not adversely affect other Indian interests and will not interfere with the administration of the land-use program of the Crow Tribe. In view of this situation, it is recommended that section 2 of the bill be deleted.

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 2, T. 1 S., R. 27 E., containing 40 acres, was inadvertently omitted from the bill. There is no objection to the disposal of this tract and it is therefore recommended that it be included. The total acreage named in the bill will then be correct.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

DALE E. DOTY,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs unanimously recommends the enactment of S. 2573.

